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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow certain applicants for approval of a generic drug to be eligible for a 180-day period of protection from competition, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pharmaceutical Fiscal
5 Accountability Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Prescription drug costs continue to rise, af-
2 fecting all people in the United States.

3 (2) Generic drugs are approved by the Food
4 and Drug Administration and offer a safe alter-
5 native to brand-name drugs.

6 (3) Access to generic drugs upon expiration of
7 valid pharmaceutical patents can result in a cost-ef-
8 fective alternative to brand-name drugs.

9 (4) The generic version of a drug often enters
10 the market at a cost that is 25 to 35 percent less
11 than the cost of the brand-name version of the drug,
12 and after a few years typically sells for about 50
13 percent of the cost of the brand-name version.

14 (5) Enhancing competition between generic and
15 brand-name drug manufacturers can reduce the cost
16 of prescription drugs.

17 **SEC. 3. 180-DAY GENERIC DRUG EXCLUSIVITY FOR CERTAIN**
18 **SUBSEQUENT APPLICANTS.**

19 Section 505(j)(5)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
20 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(j)(5)(B)) is amended—

21 (1) in clause (iv)—

22 (A) by striking “If the application” and in-
23 serting “Subject to clause (v), if the applica-
24 tion”; and

1 (B) by striking “continuing” and inserting
2 “containing”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(v) If the application contains a certification
5 described in subclause (IV) of paragraph (2)(A)(vii)
6 for a drug, the Secretary shall treat the application
7 as the first such application submitted under this
8 subsection for that drug if every person that pre-
9 viously submitted an application containing such a
10 certification for that drug—

11 “(I) fails to market the drug within 60
12 days after the Secretary approves the previously
13 submitted application;

14 “(II) withdraws the previously submitted
15 application;

16 “(III) changes, for any reason, the certifi-
17 cation in the previously submitted application to
18 a certification described in subclause (III) of
19 paragraph (2)(A)(vii);

20 “(IV) in a case in which, after the date on
21 which the previous application was submitted,
22 new patent information is submitted for the
23 drug under subsection (c)(2) for a patent for
24 which certification is required under subclause
25 (IV) of paragraph (2)(A)(vii), fails to challenge

1 the patent that is the subject of the information
 2 within 60 days after the date on which the pat-
 3 ent information is submitted; or

4 “(V) has engaged in conduct in violation of
 5 the antitrust laws (as the term ‘antitrust laws’
 6 is defined in subsection (a) of the first section
 7 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except
 8 that such term includes section 5 of the Federal
 9 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the
 10 extent such section 5 applies to unfair methods
 11 of competition).”.

12 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH; AWARDS TO**
 13 **DESIGNATED SMALL ENTITIES FOR PHASE 1**
 14 **OR 2 CLINICAL STUDIES ON DEVELOPMENT**
 15 **OF NEW DRUGS.**

16 Section 402 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 17 U.S.C. 282) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 18 lowing:

19 “(m)(1) The Director of NIH shall make awards of
 20 grants or contracts to designated small entities to support
 21 qualifying clinical research on the development of new
 22 drugs that, in the determination of such Director, have
 23 the potential to make a significant contribution to the pre-
 24 vention, diagnosis, or treatment of a disease.

25 “(2) For purposes of this subsection:

1 “(A) The term ‘designated small entity’ means
2 a public or private entity (including a university or
3 other educational institution) meeting the following
4 conditions:

5 “(i) The entity has been granted an ex-
6 emption under section 505(i) of the Federal
7 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

8 “(ii) Qualifying clinical research is being or
9 will be conducted pursuant to such exemption.

10 “(iii) The Director of NIH determines that
11 the entity may lack the financial resources to
12 complete the qualifying clinical research in-
13 volved unless an award under paragraph (1) is
14 made to the entity.

15 “(B) The term ‘qualifying clinical research’,
16 with respect to a new drug, means the conduct of
17 Phase 1 or Phase 2 studies within the meaning of
18 section 312.21 of title 21, Code of Federal Regula-
19 tions (or successor regulations).

20 “(3) In supporting qualifying clinical research under
21 paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Director of NIH shall
22 give priority to the development of any new drug described
23 in such paragraph that is being developed for a disease
24 for which the amount of funds for clinical research obli-
25 gated by the National Institutes of Health for the pre-

1 ceding fiscal year is significantly less than amounts obli-
2 gated by such Institutes for such fiscal year for clinical
3 research on other diseases.

4 “(4) For the purpose of carrying out this subsection,
5 there are authorized to be appropriated \$750,000,000 for
6 fiscal year 2003, and such sums as may be necessary for
7 each subsequent fiscal year.”.

8 **SEC. 5. CONTINGENT PAYMENT FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTES**
9 **OF HEALTH SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF**
10 **NEW DRUGS.**

11 Section 402 of the Public Health Service Act (42
12 U.S.C. 282) (as amended by section 4) is further amended
13 by adding at the end the following:

14 “(n)(1) The Director of NIH may not award a grant
15 or contract to an entity to support the development of a
16 new drug, including any research related to such develop-
17 ment, unless the entity involved agrees that, if the new
18 drug with respect to which the award is made is approved
19 under section 351 or under section 505 of the Federal
20 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the entity will, for the ef-
21 fective patent period for which the new drug is in commer-
22 cial distribution, pay to the Director of NIH an amount
23 equal to 5 percent of the profits derived from sales of the
24 new drug during such period. After consultation with such
25 entity, the Director of NIH may establish a schedule of

1 periodic payments to meet the obligation of the entity
2 under the preceding sentence.

3 “(2) Payments under paragraph (1) may be made di-
4 rectly by the entity involved or by an entity that has pur-
5 chased the rights to the new drug involved or has received
6 a license regarding the sale of the new drug.

7 “(3) Subject to the availability of appropriations,
8 amounts paid to the Director of NIH under this sub-
9 section are available to the Director to award grants and
10 contracts for the development of new drugs, and such
11 amounts may remain available until expended.”.

12 **SEC. 6. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR RE-**
13 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF PRESCRIP-**
14 **TION DRUGS.**

15 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
16 States shall conduct a study and make findings and rec-
17 ommendations with respect to the effects of Federal fund-
18 ing used by Federal agencies to conduct or support re-
19 search and development of prescription drugs, on the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (1) The overall cost of such research and devel-
22 opment.

23 (2) The pricing of prescription drugs.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of

1 the United States shall submit to the Congress a report
2 on the study, findings, and recommendations required by
3 subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 7. STUDY ON PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT EXTENSIONS**
5 **AND MARKET EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
7 States shall conduct a study and make findings and rec-
8 ommendations on pharmaceutical patent extensions and
9 market exclusivity periods under Federal law, including
10 the effect of such extensions and periods on possible delays
11 in the introduction of generic versions of prescription
12 drugs.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
15 the United States shall submit to the Congress a report
16 on the study, findings, and recommendations required by
17 subsection (a).

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